

GUILTY DYNAMITER ELUDES BLOOD HOUNDS

JOHN MCCLURE DISAPPEARS SUDDENLY

John McClure, a miner in the employ of Lewis Nay, mine owner at Wyatt, has suddenly disappeared, and it is believed he is a fugitive from justice. He is believed to be the one who dynamited Allison E. Martin's mine at Wyatt some time Sunday night.

No one heard the explosion, but Martin discovered the awful work at 1 o'clock Monday morning, when he went to the mine to get coal ready early for his haulers. He found the mine blown in a distance of 75 feet, the roof having collapsed from the explosion. Several holes had been bored in the roof, filled with dynamite, plugged and at an opportune hour touched off. The alarm was given at once and officers of Mannington were notified. As previously stated by the Telegram blood hounds were brought from Mountville and taken to the scene. The hounds started at the mine, went down into Wyatt, thence to minor and Cunningham's store, thence into the postoffice, and then they struck a trail, where McClure had been seen to cross the creek on a foot bridge. This trail led them into the woods, where they scoured even to the top of the high, dividing ridge between Bingham creek and Cunningham's run. They they circled and came out way below Wyatt in an opposite direction and returned to Wyatt without finding the one they trailed.

Excitement was high as fully two hundred people had gathered from the country around to witness the work of the hounds. It was growing dark and the shades of night were ominous to the guilty party, in the belief. At any rate John McClure left that night and has not been seen or heard of since.

However, he was complacent enough the next day after the mine was dynamited. So unconcerned was he that he got a gun and went hunting in the woods that the hounds later scoured. And even when the hounds were returning into Wyatt after their fruitless chase he came riding a mule down from the mine into town. For some reason the hounds did not scent him. They were taken home, the chase having been given up, and McClure fled under cover of darkness.

There are three coal mines operated in Wyatt, the product being sold to the farmers and others for quite a distance about the town in all directions. On Sept. 1 one of the mine owners there raised the price from \$3 to \$4 per 100 bushels, but the other mines kept the price at the old figure of \$3. The consequence has been that the \$3 mines have been very busy filling early fall orders and considerable bad blood has been engendered among the mine workers who are mainly all local people.

It is said that last Monday night miners from the \$4 mine approached one of A. E. Martin's miners and tried to get him to induce his co-laborers to strike for higher wages. The destroyed mine was quite valuable and owing to the difficulty arising over the price of coal as well as the keen competition, Mr. Martin suspects others who would be more concerned than McClure, and it may yet be revealed that others than McClure, if he did it, were implicated.

WEDDING BELLS BEGIN TO RING

The many friends of Frank Kent, colored, the careful, efficient janitor at the Irwin building, are whispering that he is to be married. The wedding of next week at 8 o'clock in the arrival of the bride from a Virginia, where she is visiting. They refuse to give the name of the bride at present, it being Mr. Kent's intention to spring a complete surprise. He is already receiving congratulations. The wedding will be a pretty home affair.

PLUES CAUGHT IN WHEELING

At the instance of the authorities of this county, Claude Anderson alias Ernest Plues, alias Clyde Plues is in the Ohio county jail in Wheeling.

Young Plues is a young man and has both a police and criminal record. He was arrested by Wheeling policemen Tuesday night and is being held.

Plues stands indicted here with breaking into a Baltimore & Ohio railroad car with C. C. Moore and his gang of desperadoes. He was located through descriptions given by the other members of the gang, and was indicted along with them. He stated, when locked up, that he was innocent and that he could prove he was not in this section of country at the time of the robbery.

Plues has been up in Wheeling police court several times, each time for either drunkenness or disorderly conduct. One of the times was because he got drunk and abused his mother. At another time he, with a number of other boys, were tried in the criminal court for stopping a Wheeling & Elm Grove car because they had been put off for being drunk and disorderly on the car.

Sheriff John M. Flanagan left Wednesday afternoon on the Short Line for Wheeling to bring him here.

REVOLVER DUEL IN EXPRESS CAR

By Associated Press.
Decatur, Ill., Sept. 27.—John E. Ryan, Pacific express messenger on the Wabash, and Edward Greene, a former express messenger, lately employed at Hammond, Ind., had a revolver duel in Ryan's car this morning all the way from Belmont to Decatur, a distance of twenty miles. Both men were seriously wounded and both may succumb to their injuries.

FEVER FRIGHT BEYOND RAINS

By Associated Press.
New Orleans, La., Sept. 27.—The heaviest rainfall that New Orleans has had for many weeks began early today. It rained steadily more than two hours, completely flushing gutters, washing away the salt and oil in them, and destroyed cistern screens. Nevertheless, the fever fight is now considered so well under control that even the creation of fresh breeding places for mosquitoes causes little alarm.

AN EARTHQUAKE SINKS ISLAND

By Associated Press.
Göteborg, Sweden, Sept. 27.—A severe earthquake yesterday on Hisingen Island cracked walls and the ground, violently rocked houses, and drove the people to the streets. The eastern part of the island sank appreciably.

CAMP RESIGNS TO GO TO COAST

Charles W. Camp has resigned his position as clerk at Col. D. Davidson's shoe store, to become effective Wednesday of next week. The past few years he has been a very efficient and popular clerk there. He will go to San Francisco and accept a position on a government transport. Many friends here will deeply regret his departure.

Death of Colored Lady

Miss Lorean Oaks, aged 35, an estimable colored lady, died of consumption last night at the residence of C. C. Jones, on Locust street. The funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

BIG MONEY CLEARED AT LOT SALE

The lot sale held by the Stuart Improvement Company Tuesday here was completed before the day was over. Every lot was sold. There were 63 of them and the aggregate price obtained for them was \$333. The property originally cost the company \$9,000 and the cost of improving it, advertising and other expenses ran the total cost up to \$11,000, from which it is seen that \$10,000 was cleared. It was a thirty day investment, and the company is to be congratulated upon its success. There are five in the company, but Mr. J. W. Stuart, of Buchanan, owned one-third of the stock, and thus is his profit over \$3,000, a very handsome sum for one month's work.

The large lot at the corner of Philippi and Main streets was bought by V. V. Maier for \$335, the highest price paid at the sale. He also purchased the one next to it and on this one will build a house at once.

O. P. Howell, the contractor, will begin the erection of five modern houses at once on lots sold. Wednesday a number of purchasers sold their lots at an advance and in several cases the deeds were not made to the original investors.

The lowest advance in price any one received for his day's speculation was \$25.

MONEY FOR THE Y. M. C. A.

George P. Lord, the aged philanthropist, of Elgin, Ill., has given the Y. M. C. A. association of that city \$25,000. He will receive interest on the sum as long as he lives. It is understood that he is thus fulfilling his plan of giving away his entire fortune while living. He is the president of the Elgin association and with his wife, who bequeathed \$65,000, has given \$150,000 to the association. He has also given a very valuable library, which he personally selected.

Has Clarksburg no philanthropist where the opportunities for a Y. M. C. A. properly housed and equipped are so great? The young men are doing what they can, but there is a great big niche to be filled in by some big hearted, large purposed, town proud person and there is no time so ripe for it as the present.

POSTMASTERS IN CONVENTION

By Associated Press.
Dayton, O., Sept. 27.—The eighth annual convention of the National Association of Postmasters opened here this morning with an address of welcome by Mayor Snyder, to which Postmaster Hull, of Peoria, Ill., president of the association, responded.

An informal reception occupied the early hours and the delegates settled down to business in the afternoon. The convention will be in session three days.

MISS FLEMING IS IN ARIZONA

Ex-Sheriff John A. Fleming received a letter Wednesday morning from his daughter, Miss Alice Fleming, who is in Prescott, Arizona. She writes that she is delighted with the country and the climate and thinks it is the finest ever, as the Sheriff said. She is doing fine and enjoying good health. Miss Fleming has been there more than a week, leaving here last Friday week, and will remain some time, probably spending the winter there.

Underwent Operation

Miss Beth Ollsen underwent an operation for appendicitis at St. Mary's hospital yesterday. The operation was performed by Drs. Flaynes, Wilson and Morgan, and was very successful. Miss Ollsen's many friends hope for her speedy recovery.

STREET CARS TO SHINNSTON

Contractor Joe Fucy, who holds the contract for the construction of a part of the line of the Fairmont & Clarksburg Traction Company from Middleton to Clarksburg, and who has the whole contract for the extension of the Fairmont line to Barnsville, has put a second gang of men at work on the extension from the Fairmont line. From this time on as the work progresses the gang will be enlarged and the work pushed to a rapid completion.

The material is all at hand and as fast as the grading is finished the ties and the rails will be laid. There are one or two minor pieces of work which will delay the line at different points for a short time, but these will all be finished in time to have the line open before the snow flies.

It is said to be the intention of the Fairmont & Clarksburg Traction Company officials to extend their service on the Clarksburg line from Middleton to the farthest completed point on the extension to Clarksburg. It is expected by some of the officials in charge of the work that cars will be running from Fairmont as far as Shinnston before the winter sets in with bad weather. The line is in good shape as far as Shinnston from Fairmont and little remains to be done excepting to lay the ties and the rails. The great bluff of solid rock is about cut through; this was the greatest difficulty to be surmounted and as it is now about all finished the jubilation of the officials is great.

BIG FIRE VISITS COLON

By Associated Press.
Colon, Panama, Sept. 27.—A terrific fire started in Boliva street, near the railroad buildings yesterday and quickly destroyed several valuable properties.

The postoffice was destroyed and the fire then extended to the northward. The whole town was imperilled, but the flames were finally controlled this morning. Over twenty houses were burned. The Panama government buildings were destroyed, but the railroad property is intact. The loss is fifty thousand dollars.

BLACKMAILER OUT OF SIGHT

By Associated Press.
Chicago, Ill., Sept. 27.—Efforts were made by the Chicago police today to find Mrs. Marie Ivers Lawrence alias Minnie Lee, indicted yesterday by the grand jury in Cleveland on the charge of attempting to blackmail Governor Herrick, of Ohio. All Mrs. Lawrence's relatives in Chicago denied any knowledge of her whereabouts, and her former home here is vacant.

PRETTY CHURCH WEDDING

A very pretty wedding was solemnized at Goff M. E. church this morning at 10:30 o'clock. The contracting parties were Mr. Charles Cathall, aged 24, of Deton, Preston county, and Miss May Gain, a charming young lady residing at the Columbia mines. The ceremony was a quiet one attended by the immediate relatives. Rev. Arbuthnot performed the beautiful ceremonies of the M. E. church that made the happy pair one.

Mr. and Mrs. Cathall will make their future home at Deton, W. Va., where the groom has large farming interests.

ONE MORE RETURNS

T. J. Slayton, formerly residing here, and being engaged in the laundry business with S. L. Bryan, has returned to the city and is receiving the greetings of his numerous friends. We surmise that Mr. Slayton things as do a great many others that Clarksburg is a pretty good old town after all.

Takes New Position

Hugh Stout has resigned as street car conductor and accepted a position as shipping clerk with Swift & Co. He has entered upon his new duties.

STOCKMAN BROADWATER IN TROUBLE

Parkersburg, W. Va., Sept. 27.—Harvey H. Broadwater, prominent cattle man, of Tyler county, was arrested here yesterday by Braxton county authorities on the charge of obtaining goods on false pretenses. The warrant on which he was arrested was issued by a Braxton county magistrate and was served on Broadwater in this city yesterday morning. It had been at the instance of G. N. Snodgrass and Charles Moun, Braxton county farmers, from whom Broadwater purchased cattle, and to whom he had given checks in return which were later protested.

The case is a most peculiar one. Broadwater is a big cattle dealer and has been doing business through a Pennsylvania bank. He recently bought cattle to the value of several thousand dollars in Braxton, Gilmer and Calhoun counties. He gave checks on his bank at Pennsylvania in payment and the cattle were delivered to him.

To provide for the payment of the checks, so he declares, he sent a draft from Baltimore for seven thousand dollars to the banking institution. The draft had been sent him from the east in payment for a previous consignment of stock.

It appears that he had other obligations at the bank, and that instead of placing the money to his checking account the bank applied the draft to his obligations, and when the cattle checks were received by the bank they were promptly protested.

The cattlemen failing to get their money attempted to stop the delivery of the cattle, but most of them had been shipped.

In the meantime Broadwater found that he was being hard pressed and he came to this city and filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy. He gave his liabilities as \$34,702.72 and his assets as \$10,263.50. This was last Friday.

Some of the farmers were enraged when they learned that through his failure they would only secure a small amount of the purchase price of the cattle, and the two above mentioned brought immediate action on the criminal side.

The first creditors' meeting will be held on Oct. 7. In the meantime there may be developments in the criminal charge in Braxton county. It is said that his counsel, Judge Dupuy, will attempt to have him released on a writ of habeas corpus, which will be petitioned for in United States court. The ground will be set up that he had no intention to defraud the cattle owners, and that he had sent money to the bank to meet the checks he issued. He declares that the banks have always honored his checks.

The Pennsylvania bank will be held responsible for the \$7,000 draft. This will be regarded as a part of the assets as all transactions closed within four months of the time of going into bankruptcy are by law set at naught. The Pennsylvania bank, the preferred creditor in this case, applied the draft to debt only a few days before the bankruptcy proceedings were begun.

From what can be learned Broadwater took the bankruptcy law at once in order to protect the men from whom he had purchased cattle, and to prevent the Pennsylvania bank from becoming a preferred creditor. As the matter stands the cattle owners will get their pro rata of the \$7,000 draft.

A. G. Mathews, president of the Grantsville bank, and a number of Calhoun county cattlemen were in the city last night with reference to the matter.

TWO COUPLES ARE MARRIED

Dr. George R. Stemple and Miss Cora B. Anderson, daughter of M. J. Anderson, a prominent Wyatt citizen, were married at 12 o'clock noon at Wyatt Wednesday, Rev. M. Scott, of the Methodist church, officiating.

At 1 o'clock at Peora Mr. Gilmer W. Cunningham, brother of Howard L. Cunningham, of this city, and Miss Alma Beta Hardesty, daughter of James Hardesty, were also married by Rev. M. Scott. The bridal couple came here on the afternoon train.

CRACKER FACTORY TO BE BUILT HERE

SERVES TIME FOR HIS HUNGER

In circuit court Wednesday afternoon George Small, a stalwart looking young man, who said he had been in the county 84 days and 82 of them in the county jail, confessed to burglarizing Jacob Pittro's cellar near Wilsonburg, and was sentenced by Judge Lynch to one year in the state penitentiary. Small told the court that he came to this county from Indiana county, Pa., because there was an overcrowded condition of workmen there with nothing to do. He asked for two homes at Wilsonburg for something to eat and was refused. He had no money and being tortured by hunger he entered the cellar and stole a jar of preserves to satisfy his hunger. It appears that he tore a log out of the wall of the cellar, crawled in through the aperture and stole the preserves. Judge Lynch informed him that if he ever came before him again, he would give him the longest sentence in his power. He promised never to come again.

FIVE CHILDREN ARE CREMATED

By Associated Press.
Fort Dodge, Ia., Sept. 27.—Five children were cremated in a fire which destroyed the home of Edward Adamson, railroad switchman, this morning, while they were sleeping. A gasoline explosion caused the fire.

AGREEMENT IS ARRANGED

By Associated Press.
Paris, France, Sept. 27.—The French government representative, Revoli, and German representative Rosen, conferred at the foreign office today, arranging the final details of the Moroccan agreement. An official announced that it probably would be published today.

Pitts Hearing

Magistrate M. S. Riley began the Perry Pitts hearing at 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. The matter has been on some time, and almost ever since C. C. Moore and his gang of desperadoes were arrested some weeks ago for various robberies. Pitts stands accused of buying wire from them, which they had stolen from the mines of the Fairmont Coal Company. At the time of his arrest he gave bond of \$1,000 to appear for a hearing, and the same had been postponed from time to time.

The hearing was in progress at press hour.

Choppers to Smoke

The Woodmen of the World will have a special program at their meeting tonight in the Pythian hall in addition to the regular review, indulging themselves in speeches and recitations and after the review they will have a "smoker" in the hall. An enjoyable evening is anticipated by the choppers.

Death at Glen Falls

Bernard Limer, the 13-year-old son of George Limer, died at Glen Falls at 6:30 a. m. today of heart trouble. The remains will be brought to Clarksburg tomorrow for burial. The funeral ceremonies have not been announced as yet.

Wedding at Lost Creek

Miss Jessie L. Stout and Mr. Stephen G. Kennedy were united in marriage at the residence of the bride's father at Lost Creek this afternoon. Mr. Ed. Stout, a brother of the bride, attended the ceremony.

J. B. Sandusky was here Wednesday from Bridgeport attending circuit court and looking after other matters of an important nature.

INDIANA PEOPLE ARE INTERESTED IN NEW CONCERN

A movement is on foot here to establish and operate a large cracker factory in Clarksburg. A number of citizens will be interested to the extent that a stock company, or corporation, will be formed and a large plant will soon be put in.

Associated with the company and interested in it will likely be William Roper, of Lafayette, Ind., where he and others have operated an extensive factory of this kind for years with great success. He is a practical cracker manufacturer, knowing all about the business.

Clarksburg is a very desirable point for such an enterprise, being the best distributing point in the state, and having contiguous territory where the cracker trade is quite extensive. It is believed that such a factory would command most, and perhaps all, of this trade, and that an industry of that sort would prove one of the most profitable ever established here.

It is expected that the movement will be pushed to a speedy culmination and that within a few months at most such a factory will be in active operation with a considerable number of persons employed at good wages and a trade under way that will in the near future bring in paying returns.

JOE MILLER FOUND GUILTY

Joe Miller was found guilty on Tuesday evening of felony, in circuit court, and will get a penitentiary sentence. One of his associates and confederates in the wholesale cutting affray at a christening at Pinnickinnick the night of July 22 last was placed on trial Wednesday morning for a like offense, that of unlawful cutting.

In the case of the state against Thomas Jenkins, on appeal, the indictment was quashed.

Spencer K. Hill, indicted for felony, gave bond of \$500 for trial later.

Ivan Andrew Boggs, charged with felony, was released on his own recognizance and the case continued.

Lockovitch was found guilty the middle of the afternoon but not sentenced. He will get time in the penitentiary.

Charley Moore, the desperado, confessed to burglarizing a freight car with the gang associated with him, but sentence will not be passed until later.

SAFE BLOWERS GET BOOTY

By Associated Press.
Dayton, O., Sept. 27.—The safe of the Bank of Osborn, fifteen miles from here, was blown open at two o'clock this morning by burglars, who used nitro-glycerine. The report of the explosion aroused the inhabitants and caused great excitement in the town. The safe blowers escaped. The amount of booty is undetermined.

SECRETARY TAFT BACK HOME

By Associated Press.
San Francisco, Cal., Sept. 27.—The Pacific Mail Steamship Company's liner Korea, Captain Seeder, arrived today from the Orient, beating the trans-Pacific record by several hours. Among the passengers were Secretary of War Taft and most of the members of his party, which left with him for the far east and Manchuria on July 8 last.

The Korea sailed from Yokohama on Sept. 17, and came direct to this city, omitting the usual stop at Honolulu. The trip occupied ten days.